

did bear before 1819, on the shoulders of those producers who were never intended to bear them. The amount thus imposed unjustly on the labouring classes, is estimated at not less than thirty-three millions a year. A system of currency which will remedy this grievous evil, which will restore to the poor that share of the good things of this life which the providence of God has designed and provided for them, is a system which will have the approval of every honest man as a *just* system.

Can yours be deemed a *humane* system, by any one who has read the discussions on the Factory Bill? That measure is cruel, which they now suffer under; but your system of currency will aggravate the distresses of the overworked females and children. The use of government paper money, on the other hand, would enable the master manufacturer to pay his operatives liberally for their services, without any fear of thereby enhancing the prices of his goods to his customers *abroad*. He could afford then to sell them for even less gold than he does now. By these means the working hours of these poor women and children might be reduced, not only to ten, but to eight a day; and the present wages of twelve hours might still be paid for that diminished labour, without any injury to the manufacturer or any loss of our foreign trade. If there are any considerations which can weigh with you or the House, to cause you to prefer the *paper system of currency* to the *gold system*,